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For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR *IN VIVO* AND *IN VITRO* ATTENUATION OF  
GENE EXPRESSION USING DOUBLE STRANDED RNA

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 14, 2008, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from July 14, 2008 to October 14, 2008.

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